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SUBJECT: JOINT STATE/DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM FOR SUDAN

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1. DCM MET WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF MAJ/GEN ABDEL MAGID KHALIL, SENIOR SUDANESE MILITARY OFFICER PRESENTLY IN KHARTOUM, AUGUST 1 TO DISCUSS SURVEY TEAM ARRANGEMENTS. GEN KHALIL APPROVED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PRESS GUIDANCE (REFTELS). HE ALSO AGREED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH SURVEY TEAM AND TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED.

2. DCM REMINDED GEN KHALIL THAT WHEN AMBASSADOR FIRST MENTIONED SURVEY TEAM TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI LATTER SAID HE WISHED TO MEET WITH THEM FIRST, AND DCM REQUESTED THAT GENERAL INFORM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ABOUT ARRIVAL OF TEAM WEDNESDAY, AUG 3. GENERAL KHALIL SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT THURSDAY, IF POSSIBLE, OR MORE LIKELY, SATURDAY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SESSION WITH PRESIDENT HE WOULD EXPECT TO MEET WITH SURVEY TEAM AT
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MILITARY HEADQUARTERS WHERE BASIC PROGRAM WOULD BE DETERMINED.

3. GEN KHALIL ASKED WHETHER SURVEY TEAM WOULD SEPARATE INTO SMALLER GROUPS WHILE IN SUDAN. HE SAID HE EXPECTS TEAM WILL VISIT PORT SUDAN (PORT AND S.A.M. SITES), ATBARA (ARTILLERY SITE), JUBA, EL FASHIR AND SITES OF

EXISTING OR PROPOSED AIR BASES. GEN KHALIL INDICATED
SURVEY TEAM WOULD HAVE FULL ACCESS TO SUDANESE INFORMATION
AND FACILITIES.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE SUDANESE MILITARY APPRECIATE
LIMITATIONS ON SURVEY TEAM AS INDICATED IN TERMS OF
REFERENCE. NEVERTHELESS, THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT
DISPATCH OF HIGH LEVEL TEAM TO SUDAN ON SHORT NOTICE IS
SIGNIFICANT EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FROM USG. BELIEVE
SUDANESE WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF VISIT,
EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE OCCASIONAL LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS.
EMBASSY ASSUMES, IN LIGHT OF VARIOUS INTERESTS TEAM
MEMBERS AND LARGE AMOUNT OF AREA TO BE COVERED, THAT TEAM
WILL WISH TO BREAK UP INTO SMALLER GROUPS WHILE TRAVELING
IN SUDAN.
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